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Mr. Jeff Morales, Director California Department of Transportation 1120 N Street Sacramento, California 95814

Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry, Transportation Programming, MS 82

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) FTIP Amendment No. 8

We have completed our review of the Kern Council of Governments' (KCOG) 2002/2003 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 8 submitted by your letter dated June 12, 2003. KCOG adopted this amendment on May 15, 2003.

We approve this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that the amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The changes made to the program by this amendment do not result in the need to make a conformity determination. Therefore, we find that the FTIP continues to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of KCOG's FTIP Amendment No. 8 into California's 2002/2003 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Sincerely,

//s// K. Sue Kiser

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